

"SMILEAGE BOOKS" NEW GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS

Will Be Passports to Liberty Theaters Opening in All Countries.

MULHOLLAND SPEAKS HERE

Past President of International Rotary Club to Outline Plan for Entertainment of Soldiers at Mass-Meeting To-Night.

Inaugurating the campaign in Richmond for the sale of "smileage books"—the passport into the new liberty theaters established by the United States government in each of the sixteen huge National Army cantonments throughout the country—Frank L. Mulholland, Past President of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, and chairman of its committee on war service work, will speak to-night in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel. The mass-meeting will be followed by the formation of the local organization to conduct the campaign.

Mr. Mulholland declared last night that he would deal without gloves with the subject of adequate recreational facilities in the army cantonments.

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SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Interesting Reports Are Presented Covering Activities of Various Societies and Organizations—Membership, 937; Total Contributions, \$29,058.50.

The members of the Second Baptist Church, of this city, were in high spirits yesterday afternoon at the annual meeting of the congregation as they listened to the reports of the officers of the church, Sunday school and the various organizations having in hand the general work for the past year.

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TOTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 937

The church clerks brief statistical report showed the present membership of the Sunday school and the Sunday school board show the enrollment to be: officers, 15; teachers, 48; scholars, active, 559; home department, 208; cradle roll, 52; total scholars, 822; total membership, 937. For current expenses and benevolent causes the school expended during last year \$1,832.62.

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR \$29,058.50

The reports of the treasurer and the financial secretary dealt with the same statistics and showed that during the past year the church raised \$29,058.50 of this amount \$12,225.75 went to the church monthly, and looks after the boys' club and the Scout troop of the church and does an excellent work all the year around.

Detailed reports by the officers of the various societies of the church were interesting in that they showed how much money for benevolent objects and missionary causes was raised and how much other good work was done.

The following officers for the ensuing year, nominated by a committee, were elected: church clerk, Stiles H. Williams; financial secretary, N. Williams; keeper of records, John B. King; trustee, George C. Williams; W. D. Drury; keeper of records, S. T. Mager; chairman, missions, A. N. Cosby; A. H. Corry; superintendent, Sunday school, Frank T. Dunn. A dozen or more standing committees were appointed. The election of four additional deacons was postponed until a meeting to be held Wednesday evening, January 16.

AMUSEMENTS

"Toot-Toot" To-Night.

Henry W. Savage brings his musical comedy special to the Academy tonight for an engagement of two nights only. "Toot-Toot" had its Baltimore premiere last Monday before a crowded house, and the audience was interested in that they showed how much money for benevolent objects and missionary causes was raised and how much other good work was done.

After removing such influences from the stage, the management is now proving arrangements for the men to prevent dissatisfaction. Practically all of the liberty theaters have been completed, and four productions will start their tour in the next few days. These include the well-known successes, "Turn to Right," "Glimmer Chimes," and "Within the Law." In addition there are other theatricals which will shortly be started on a tour of the cantonments under the direction of a special committee of which Marc Klaw, of Kiev and Erlanger is the head, there will also be Chautauqua services and lectures. The service of admission will be far less than that charged the theater-going public.

To provide these facilities for the fighters, however, will cost \$1,000,000 it is estimated, despite the fact that the theatrical fraternity has given every assistance, and the actors will receive only their expenses. The government has made the "smileage books" in \$1 and 50 cents, and in the coming months people of the country will send to their friends and relatives in the camps these books, in addition to other remembrances.

BOND OF FRIENDSHIP

RESULTS FROM LAUGH

"It is that good fellowing feeling—that bond of friendship that results from a laugh—that was all righting for," said Mr. Mulholland. "When a person sends a 'smileage book' to a boy in a camp he is assured that the soldier is going to enjoy hundreds of smiles and many laughs. That is the part we are undertaking—the effort to elevate the morale of the army by providing the men with amusing, enlightening and memorable amusements. They cannot buy it themselves, so we are going to give it to them."

Walker Coltrull, president of the Richmond Rotary Club, will preside at the meeting to-night, which practically every business man of the city is expected to attend. After Mr. Mulholland's address the local organization for the campaign will be worked out. Alvin M. Smith, it was announced last night, has undertaken to direct the movement in Virginia, North and South Carolina.

Mr. Mulholland will leave Richmond to-night, and will visit camps in Charlotte, Savannah, Atlanta, Macon, Jacksonville, Montgomery, Birmingham and Chattanooga will be on this tour.

ROME HEARS RED CROSS HAS 16,000,000 MEMBERS

King Victor Emmanuel Turns Over Royal Palace for Use as Headquarters.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, January 6.—The Italian press has published widely a Washington dispatch announcing that the membership of the Red Cross was increased to 16,000,000 in Christmas week. The newspapers consider this to be a tangible demonstration of America's hearty participation in the war.

Legislature to Meet.

JACKSON, MISS., January 6.—Because of the enactment of numerous "war measures" at the recent special session of the Mississippi Legislature, leaders of both houses of the General Assembly anticipate but few meetings before than State-wide interest will be taken up during the regular biennial session, which opens here next Tuesday.

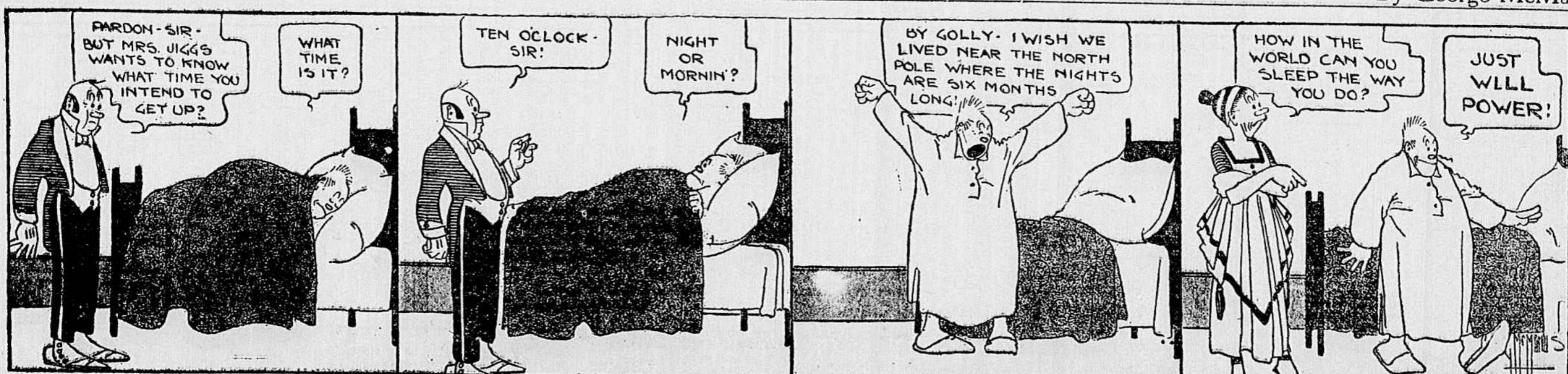
Contraband Liquor Seized.

NORFOLK, VA., January 6.—The police this afternoon raided an Old Dominion Steamship Company liner and secured thirty-six bottles of contraband liquor. Three members of the crew were arrested on the charge of the illegal sale of liquor.

Traffic Still Tied Up.

NORFOLK, VA., January 6.—Steamship officials today declared that at least forty-eight hours of favorable weather will be necessary to relieve ice conditions in the harbor and bay, and permit the resumption of steamer schedules. Local ferries are again in operation, but bay lines to Washington, Baltimore, Cape Charles and other points are still tied up. The Old Dominion Steamship Company is operating only freight vessels.

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